

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:

a door;

a container for retaining therein items to be washed, the container having an open side that is selectively closable via pivoting of the door between a closed disposition and an open disposition; and

a door seal having a fixing area, a sealing element, [[and]] a flexible sealing strip, and a flexible sealing lip, the fixing area being connected to the sealing element by means of the sealing strip,

wherein the sealing strip is more flexible than the fixing area and the sealing element, and

the sealing lip is more flexible than the fixing area and the sealing element, is attached to the sealing element, and presses against the door to create a seal with the door.

12. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein the door seal is made of an elastic material, the fixing area is adapted for connection to an edge of the washing container and has a sealing function with respect to the washing container, and the sealing element is adapted for mounting on an underside of the dishwasher door.

13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein the fixing area, the sealing element and the sealing strip are constructed in one piece.

14. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein the fixing area contributes to the sealing effect on an edge of the washing container.

15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein the fixing area is a U-shaped section.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein the sealing strip is constructed free of any reinforcing means made of different material.

18-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, further comprising reinforcing ribs arranged on the inside of the hollow tubular main body of the sealing element.

21. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher, comprising:
a door having an inner surface;

a container for retaining therein items to be washed, the container having an open side that is selectively closable via pivoting of the door between a closed position and an open position; and

a door seal having

a fixing area,

a sealing element having a hollow tubular main body,

a flexible sealing strip, the sealing strip connecting the fixing area to the sealing element, and

a flexible sealing lip connected to and extending from the sealing element,

wherein the fixing area is fixed to the container to create a seal with the container, the fixing area being stationary relative to the container when the door is pivoted between the closed position and the open position,

the sealing element is attached to the door, and

the sealing lip is pressed against the inner surface of the door to create a seal with the door.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 15, further comprising retaining elements protruding from the inside of the U-shaped section of the fixing area.

24. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein the hollow tubular main body of the sealing element is rectilinear in cross section.

25. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 24, further comprising recesses with corresponding ribs arranged on the outside of the hollow tubular main body of the sealing element to increase the rigidity of the sealing element in its longitudinal direction.

26. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein a cross section of the sealing strip has a first portion adjacent to where the sealing strip connects to the fixing area, a second portion adjacent to where the sealing strip connects to the sealing element, and a third portion that connects the first portion to the second portion, the first portion has a first thickness, the second portion has a second thickness, and the third portion has a third thickness, and the third thickness is greater than the first thickness and is greater than the second thickness.

27. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 21, wherein ends of the hollow tubular main body of the sealing element are adapted to receive pins protruding from the door.

28. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the door seal is made of an elastic material, the fixing area is connected to an edge of the washing container and

has a sealing function with respect to the washing container, and the sealing element is mounted on an underside of the dishwasher door.

29. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 28, wherein a cross section of the sealing strip has a first portion adjacent to where the sealing strip connects to the fixing area, a second portion adjacent to where the sealing strip connects to the sealing element, and a third portion that connects the first portion to the second portion,

the first portion has a first thickness, the second portion has a second thickness, and the third portion has a third thickness, and

the third thickness is greater than the first thickness and is greater than the second thickness.

30. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the fixing area, the sealing element and the sealing strip are constructed in one piece.

31. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the fixing area contributes to the sealing effect on an edge of the washing container.

32. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the fixing area is a U-shaped section.

33. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the sealing strip is constructed free of any reinforcing means made of different material.

34. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein a cross section of the sealing strip has a first portion adjacent to where the sealing strip connects to the fixing area, a second portion adjacent to where the sealing strip connects to the sealing element, and a third portion that connects the first portion to the second portion,

the first portion has a first thickness, the second portion has a second thickness, and the third portion has a third thickness, and

the third thickness is greater than the first thickness and is greater than the second thickness.